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SUBJECT: SRI LANKA: NO NAS PERSONNEL IN COUNTRY

REF: A. STATE 65526 • STATE 65508

Embassy Colombo has no NAS section; there are no NAS personnel present in Sri Lanka (ref a). Embassy not given any advances of NAS funds to the host government (ref b). INL funds expended by Embassy Colombo have been for the Colombo Plan, which is an international organization. The purpose of these funds has been primarily for programs in third countries, such as Afghanistan. Please advise if any further information is required. BLAKE